

To
Arthur Ventriss Esq., J. S. O.





To
Arthur
Ventris
Esq. I.S.O.
Dear Sir

After more than 47 years in the Imperial Civil Service you are about to retire. You served 25 years in the Royal Mint, London, and 22 years as Superintendent in the Perth Branch of the Royal Mint.

The Perth Branch was only intended for a small output of coin, but by the unexpected activity of the goldfields it was confronted with the task of



handling very large amounts of gold with a scanty equipment, and in unsuitable buildings. These difficulties you quickly and successfully overcame; new machinery was installed, old machinery improved, new buildings erected, unsuitable buildings converted, until there was a plant equal to ten or twelve times the weight of coin contemplated in the original scheme.

During your term of office the Operative Department has treated more than 820 tons of crude bullion received from the public, and delivered more than 675 tons of sovereigns, 64 tons of refined gold bullion chiefly for export, and 84 tons of refined silver bullion.

Largely as the result of your experience, ability, and zeal, the State of Western Australia has benefited by having a Mint capable of putting a large gold yield into marketable form, and the great advantage of this, particularly in war time, has recently been demonstrated.







Your attitude towards those employed under you has always been inspired by a kind and generous disposition, and by a strict sense of responsibility to the interests of the service.

The distinction of membership of the Imperial Service Order has recently been conferred on you, and we desire to indicate our gratification that you have been made the recipient of this honor.

We feel that in every respect it is a happy result for your career in the Royal Mint to have led you to Western Australia, and we are glad that though you are now leaving the service, you will continue to be a citizen of Perth.

We hope that this address will be acceptable as a memento of long honorable service, and perhaps also as a reminder of those who have served under you with affectionate respect.

We pray that you and Mrs. Dentris will enjoy health and long life.

We are, Dear Sir,
Your obedient Servants,

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